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German Democratic Republic

FDD Abstract

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF RUSSIAN-GAUGE WHEELSETS (1 pp; German; [redacted])

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"The railroad car factories of the Soviet Corporation, Department "Transmash", are in urgent need of wheel sets of Soviet gauge. Refrigerator cars manufactured by the Dressau Railroad Car Factory and the Weimar Railroad Car Construction Plant as reparations cannot be delivered because of lack of wheel sets. There have been constant difficulties in the procurement of wheel sets in 1949 and 1950, and there is no chance to get them in 1951 from imports. We are therefore forced to explore the possibilities of manufacturing them in the German Democratic Republic.

"We have found that the people-owned Groeditz plant can roll wheel centers ~~and tires~~ and tires with a diameter of 950 mm and can forge axles. A letter on this matter [redacted] has so far remained unanswered. 25X1X

"We are asking you to instruct the Groeditz plant to prepare to roll 6,200 wheel centers, 6,200 tires, and 1,200 axles in 1951.

"Deliveries are to begin between 10-15 Feb 1951, at the latest.

"Please inform me of your decision."

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